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Filed:	6 November 2003)		
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For:	<u>BEAK TREATMENT WITH TONGUE PROTECTION</u>			

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In compliance with the duty imposed by 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, and in accordance with C.F.R. §§ 1.97 *et. seq.*, the materials enclosed herewith are brought to the attention of the Examiner as possibly being of interest in connection with the above-identified patent application. Per M.P.E.P. § 609, the information cited in the present Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to be an admission that the information is, or is considered to be, material to patentability. Consideration of each of the documents listed on the attached 1449 forms is respectfully requested. **As this patent application was filed after June 30, 2003, copies of the U.S. patents and U.S. patent application publications listed on the attached 1449 forms have not been submitted.** Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. §609, Applicant further requests that a copy of the 1449 forms, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, be returned with the next Official Communication.

Applicant also wishes to bring the Examiner's attention to the following pending U.S. Applications, as well as any documents, Office Actions that may include rejections of similar claims, and any provisional U.S. patent applications referenced in the pending U.S. applications or in their file wrappers. A copy of each of the below-listed pending U.S. Patent Applications is provided herewith.

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List of Pending Non-Published U.S. Patent Applications

Applicant(s)	Application Number	Filing Date	Serial No. of Provisional Application to which listed Application claims priority
Marc S. Gorans et al.	10/346,981	01/17/03	
Marc S. Gorans et al.	10/702,988	11/06/03	
Marc S. Gorans	10/702,370	11/06/03	

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The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's Representatives at the below-listed telephone number, if they can be of any assistance during prosecution of the present application.

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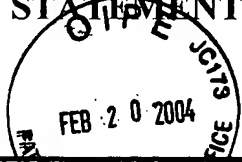
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		2,484,088	10/11/49	Hayes			
		2,501,283	03/21/50	McKnight			
		2,505,559	04/25/50	Lyon			
		2,713,325	07/19/55	Bowers			
		2,731,016	01/17/56	Miller			
		2,742,904	04/24/56	Lyon			
		2,792,004	05/14/57	Sandy			
		2,952,031	09/13/60	Breitkreutz			
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		3,623,186	11/30/71	Panek			
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		3,994,292	11/30/76	Goodwin			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Authors, Title, Date, Pertinent Papers, etc.)

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